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## OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY DECLARES MULTISPECTRAL SOLUTIONS INC. REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF PART 15 TO BE A "PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE" PROCEEDING FOR EX PARTE PURPOSES

**ET Docket No. 06-103** 

Comments Due: June 12, 2006

Reply Comments Due: June 27, 2006

On April 12, 2006, Multispectral Solutions, Inc. ("MSSI") filed a request for a waiver of Part 15 of the Commission's rules to permit a 12.75 dB increase in the peak power for transmitters operating under Section 15.250 in the 5925-7250 MHz band. These transmitters would be used for the tracking and identification of assets and personnel in petrochemical facilities and for the tracking and identification of livestock.

MSSI states that a waiver of the regulations, permitting higher peak power, is needed to permit effective and reliable operation of its wideband identification systems. The existing regulations limit the peak power to 0 dBm/50 MHz. No changes are requested for the other standards applicable to transmitters operating under Section 15.250.

The FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) is reviewing the waiver request. OET has concluded that in order to develop a complete record on the complex issues presented by this request, this proceeding will be treated, for *ex parte* purposes, as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding, in accordance with Section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules, and is subject to the requirements under Section 1.1206(b) of the rules.

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **June 12, 2006**, and reply comments on or before **June 27, 2006**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S.

Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket **[ET Docket No. 06-103]**. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The full text of the waiver request is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in Room CY-A257, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, D.C., and may also be purchased from the Commission's duplication contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., (800) 378-3160.

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